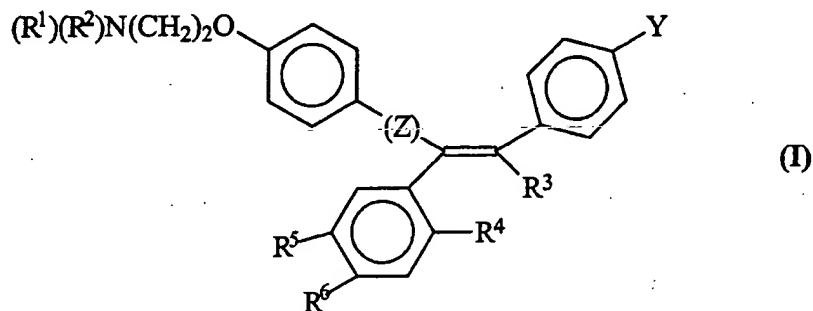


chloroethyl, R^4 is H, R^5 is I, $O(C_1-C_4)$ alkyl or H and R^6 is I, $O(C_1-C_4)$ alkyl or H with the proviso that when R^4 , R^5 , and R^6 are H, R^3 is not ethyl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

157. (New) A method of treating diabetic retinopathy by increasing the level of TGF-beta in a mammal in need thereof, comprising administering an effective amount of a compound of formula (I):



wherein Z is C=O or a covalent bond; Y is H or $O(C_1-C_4)$ alkyl, R^1 and R^2 are individually (C_1-C_4) alkyl or together with N are a saturated heterocyclic group, R^3 is ethyl or chloroethyl, R^4 is H or together with R^3 is $-CH_2-CH_2-$ or $-S-$, R^5 is I, OH, $O(C_1-C_4)$ alkyl or H and R^6 is I, $O(C_1-C_4)$ alkyl or H with the proviso that when R^4 , R^5 , and R^6 are H, R^3 is not ethyl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests that the Preliminary Amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to examination of the above-identified application.

Claims 67-77, 95, 99-103, 108-111, and 118-119 are amended to recite proper antecedent basis.

Support for the amendment to claim 80 is provided in the specification at page 3, lines 8-6; page 5, lines 12-17; page 10, line 10-page 11, lines 1; page 12, lines 11-14; and in claim 80 as

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originally filed.

Support for the amendment to claim 81 is found in the specification at page 3, lines 18-20 and claim 81 as originally filed.

Support for the amendment to claim 120 is found in the specification at page 3, lines 5-16; and claim 120 as originally filed.

Support for newly added claim 153 is found in the specification at page 3, line 20-page 4, line 4; and page 9, lines 10-18.

Support for newly added claim 154 is found in the specification at page 4, lines 5-7; and page 5, lines 12-20.

Support for newly added claim 155 is found in the specification at page 5, lines 17-20; page 16, lines 10-13; and page 28-lines 10-12.

Support for newly added claim 156 is found in the specification at page 10, lines 29-31 and page 12, lines 11-14.

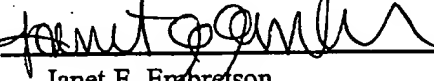
Support for newly added claim 157 is found in the specification at page 12, lines 12-14; page 17, lines 4-20; and in originally filed claims 95 and 97.

Respectfully submitted,

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